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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-14 and 16-19 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 7, 9 and 12-14 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 15 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice.

Drawing Objections

The Patent Office stated the drawings were informal.

Applicant respectfully submits the drawings are formal and in compliance.

The Patent Office objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) for failure to include reference signs mentioned in the description and failure to mention reference signs not mentioned in the description.

Regarding object control instructions 47 on page 6, this is shown in FIG. 4. The specification has been amended to reflect the depiction of reference sign 47 in FIG. 4.

Regarding object control instructions received from an assigned higher-level fault analyzer object 66 shown in FIG. 4, a description of reference sign 66 is located on page 7, lines 27-31. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings and specification are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5).

Specification Objections

The Patent Office objected to the disclosure for informalities.

The specification has been amended to correct informalities.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Patent office rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses, however, Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice and the rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,501 by Lewis, ("Lewis").

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claim 19 was allowed. The Patent Office further stated claims 3, 7, 9, 10 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lewis. However, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3, claim 7 has been amended into independent form, claim 9 has been amended into independent form and claim 12 has been amended into independent form. Consequently, claims 1, 4-14 and 16-19 are believed allowable.

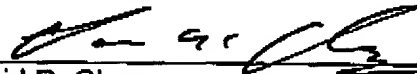
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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

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